



## Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy - Phase III Western Regional Strategy Committee (WRSC) Update – 04/11/12

### Wrap up of Phase II and Initiation of Phase III in the West

This is our first update for 2012. We received numerous comments and suggestions in December and January on the Phase II Regional Assessment from a variety of stakeholders. Thank you for your review and comments. Comments provided are being handled in several ways.

First are those contributions considered consistent with the intent of the Regional Assessment that resulted in improved wording and understanding of the Regional Assessment's intent. These suggestions are now reflected in the Regional Assessment and have been forwarded to the National Science and Analysis Team for consideration in the Phase III process.

Other contributions ranged from suggestions on different ways to describe and measure success to expressions of new and different perceptions relating to the Western Assessment and interpretations of the FLAME Act's requirements. We are conducting a content analysis of all of comments that will be completed by May 2. This content analysis will be available for the RSC to use during the development of alternatives and options for the West and for implementation planning.

We are also increasing and formalizing our stakeholder outreach efforts to both keep existing participants updated as well as to identify and embrace new or under represented stakeholders. We intend to post and share lessons learned and spot light successful implementation efforts each month to both recognize those efforts and to share effective concepts for broader application. We will continue to approach practitioners in the West to identify ingredients to success so that as a broader community we might apply those concepts to meet local needs consistent with the Cohesive Strategy's goals. This effort should also increase our collective understanding of what "success" will look like during implementation. If you have success stories, please send us a brief description and your contact information so others can benefit from what you have learned.

We are also engaged with the National Science and Analysis Team (NSAT) on developing linkages between the regional objectives and actions to contributing risk factors in the three goals. We then intend to work on a combination of modeling and adjustments to proposed actions to develop a logical set of alternatives for the west. We expect to complete that process in late September 2012. Following that alternative development we intend to work on implementation planning consistent with all information acquired to that point.

Please visit the western outreach website to access the *Western Regional Assessment and Strategy*. <http://sites.nemac.org/westcohesivefire/updates/> and to find information on lessons learned and descriptions of successful implementation efforts in the West.

Thank you for your continued participation; we will provide a comprehensive update for you next month. Your comments and questions may be submitted to either of the Western regional leads, identified below.



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